of pocket" allowances since December last;

(b) what are the guidelines or rules governing such expenditure; and

(c) the number of Ministers who have discretionary fund at their disposal; what is the total allocation and how much spent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Request of Indian Muslim Youth Conference

1705. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the President of Indian Muslim Youth Conference has urged the Central Government to arrest the Imam of Jama Masjid, Delhi for his anti-national and communal activities as reported in the Hindustan Times of June 14, 1990; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) Government is aware of the news report. The allegations referred to in the report have not been substantiated.

TV exchange programme with neighbouring countries

1706. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether any decision has been taken by Government in the recent past on a more meaningful TV exchange programme with the neighbouring countries; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) There already exists a TV Exchange Programme christened 'SAARC' Audio-Visual Exchange Programme' under an agreement amongst the South Asian Association of Regional Countries (SAARC) consisting of Sri Lanka, Bangla Desh, Nepal, Bhutan, Pakistan, Maldives and India. This programme aims at fostering better understanding amongst the peoples of the member countries and involves telecast of programmes, received under the agreement, by member countries on the first of each month.

National integration programmes on the AIR/Doordarshan

1707. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken during the last nine months to promote national integration on the AIR/Doordarshan; and

(b) the time that was devoted for these programmes in the first six months of the current year and how does this compare with the figures of last year?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) A large number of programmes, in various formats, have been mounted by All India Radio and Doordarshan during the last nine months to promote national integration; and